Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1.   (previously presented) A computer program that when programmed in a computer causes the computer to provide the steps of:

a) forming a 1st machine-readable indicia in an image layer on a media; and

b) forming a 2nd machine-readable indicia in a protective overlayer that is identical in content to, and in register with said 1st machine-readable indicia, said protective overlayer being substantially transparent so as to allow said first machine readable indicia to be read through said protective overlayer.

2.   (currently amended) A method of reading a media, comprising the steps of:

a) providing said media with a first indicia;

b) providing a second indicia in a substantially transparent protective overlayer, said second indicia having a physical topography that represents a machine-readable code which is identical in content to and in registration with a machine-readable code on said media;

c) reading the physical topography of said second indicia on said overlayer and said first indicia on said media by a machine so as to obtain information encoded ~~coated~~ therein; and

d) interpreting said encoded information so as to obtain said encoded information.

3.   (previously presented) A method for providing indicia on a media, comprising the steps of:

a) forming a first machine-readable indicia on an image layer on a media; and

b) forming a second machine-readable indicia on a protective substantially transparent overlayer on said image layer on said media, said second indicia being identical in content to and in registration with said first machine-readable indicia.

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